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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LEBANON: CONTINUING EFFORTS TO DEFUSE THE
CRISIS

REFERENCE: BONN 12696

1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS CONCERNED ABOUT KHADDAM'S
STRONG REACTION TO THE EC DECLARATION ON LEBANON (REFTEL)
AND IS ANXIOUS THAT THE SYRIANS NOT GAIN THE IMPRESSION
OF WESTERN HOSTILITY. TO THIS END, THE GERMANS ARE IN
TOUCH WITH THE NINE REGARDING AN EC APPROACH DESIGNED TO
SOOTHE FEELINGS IN DAMASCUS.

2. DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS BOEKER TOLD US
PRIVATELY AND CONFIDENTIALLY THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE
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HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FROM ITS EC PARTNERS FOR
THE FRG AMBASSADOR IN DAMASCUS TO MAKE A DEMARCHE TO
KHADDAM REGARDING THE EC POSITION ON LEBANON. IF THE
NINE CONCUR, THE FRG AMBASSADOR WILL ATTEMPT TO CALM
THE WATERS IN DAMASCUS BY UNDERLINING THE EVEN
HANDEDNESS OF EC POLICY AND STRESSING THAT IT IS NEITHER
ANTI-SYRIAN NOR ONE-SIDED. THE AMBASSADOR WOULD POINT

OUT THAT THE NINE SHARE THE SYRIAN DESIRE FOR SARKIS
TO REMAIN IN OFFICE AND HAVE URGED RESTRAINT BY BOTH
ISRAEL AND THE CHRISTIAN RIGHTISTS.

3. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS ALSO CONSIDERING REQUESTING
ITS EC PARTNERS TO AUTHORIZE A SECOND APPROACH TO RIAD,
ASKING THAT THE ARAB LEAGUE AGAIN URGE SARKIS TO REMAIN
IN OFFICE.
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